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Birds



Cape May Warbler
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This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, has become the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Birding Highlights

Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuges span over 200 miles of Maine coastline and contain 48 offshore islands and four coastal parcels, totaling more than 8,000 acres. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages these acres as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Common, Arctic, and endangered roseate terns, Atlantic puffins, razorbills, black guillemots, common eiders, and laughing gulls nest on refuge islands from mid-May to early August.

In May and June, the forests of the mainland are filled with the songs of hermit and Swainson's thrushes, song sparrows, and Nashville, magnolia, black-throated green, and palm warblers. Blackpoll warblers are passing through to their breeding grounds farther north.

Shorebird migration reaches its height in August, with red knots, semipalmated and least sandpipers, semipalmated and black-bellied plovers, and short-billed dowitchers seen on the mud flats of the mainland divisions. Dunlins follow in September.

Bald eagles nest on some refuge islands. Merlins, peregrine falcons, and sharp-shinned hawks pass through the refuge in the fall.

Fall waterfowl migration occurs from late September into October. Cranberry Flowage, on Petit Manan Point, is filled with black ducks, green-winged teal, northern pintails, and mallards. Oldsquaw, common goldeneyes, and surf and white-winged scoters winter on coastal waters.

Where to See Birds

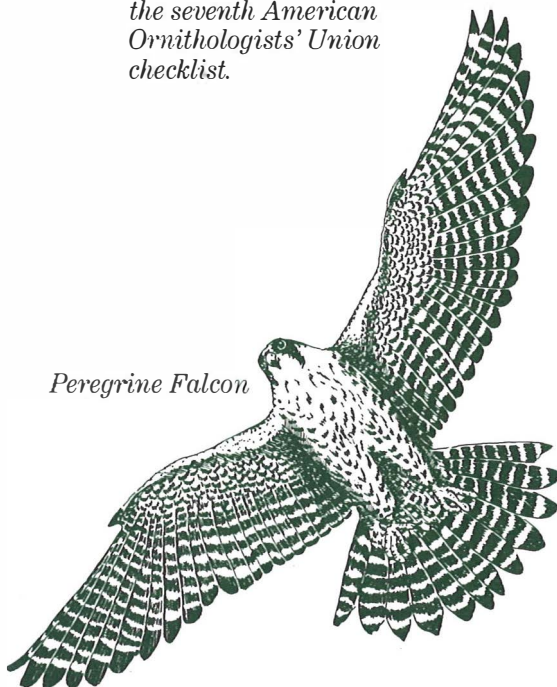
Seabird islands are closed to the public during the nesting season, April 1 – August 31, to minimize disturbance to the birds. Commercial tour boats provide views of nesting seabirds on Petit Manan and Machias Seal islands. Contact one of the refuge offices for more information.

The Petit Manan Point Division has two hiking trails that offer birding opportunities. The Hollingsworth Trail is a 1.5-mile loop, while the Birch Point Trail is a four-mile round trip. Both pass through blueberry fields and spruce-fir forests and along cobble beaches. The Birch Point Trail leads to a large saltmarsh. To reach Petit Manan Point, take Pigeon Hill Road off of U.S. Route 1 in Steuben.

How to Use This List

This brochure lists over 300 species that have been identified on the refuge. Of these, 140 have been confirmed to nest on or near the refuge, and 25 are accidental visitors. The list is in accordance with the seventh American Ornithologists' Union checklist.

Peregrine Falcon



Most birds are migratory, therefore, their seasonal occurrence is coded as follows:

Season

Sp	spring	March – May
S	summer	June – August
F	fall	September – November
W	winter	December – February

Relative abundance

Relative abundance indicates how likely you are to see or hear a bird in its favored habitat.

a	abundant	very likely to be seen or heard
c	common	likely to be seen or heard
u	uncommon	present, but not likely to be seen or heard
o	occasional	seen or heard only a few times during a season
r	rare	may not be seen or heard every year
x	accidental	out of normal range

- Birds known to nest on or near the refuge.

Italics indicate Federally threatened/endangered species.

Geese and Ducks

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Snow Goose	o			
___ • Canada Goose	o	r	o	o
___ Brant	c		o	
___ • Wood Duck	u	u	u	
___ Gadwall	r	r	r	
___ • American Wigeon	o	r	u	
___ • American Black Duck	c	c	a	c
___ • Mallard	o	o	c	r
___ • Blue-winged Teal	u	u	u	
___ Northern Shoveler	r			
___ Northern Pintail	o	r	u	
___ • Green-winged Teal	c	c	a	
___ Canvasback			r	
___ Ring-necked Duck	r		r	
___ Greater Scaup	o		r	
___ Lesser Scaup	r		r	
___ King Eider	r	r		
___ • Common Eider	a	a	a	a
___ Harlequin Duck	u		r	r

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Surf Scoter	c	o	c	r
___ White-winged Scoter	c	u	c	u
___ Black Scoter	a	o	u	r
___ Long-tailed Duck	c	r	a	c
___ Bufflehead	u		u	u
___ Common Goldeneye	c		c	c
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	u		r	u
___ • Hooded Merganser	r	r	r	
___ Common Merganser	o			
___ Red-breasted Merganser	c	u	c	c
___ Ruddy Duck			o	

Gallinaceous Birds

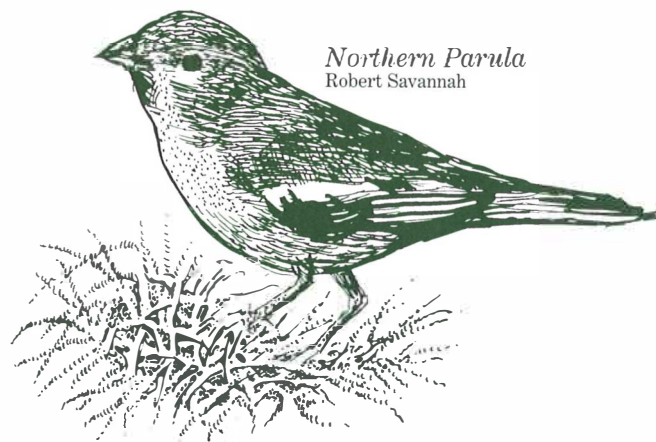
___ • Ring-necked Pheasant	r	r	r	
___ • Ruffed Grouse	c	c	c	c
___ • Spruce Grouse	u	u	u	u
___ Willow Ptarmigan	x			

Loons

___ Red-throated Loon	u		u	r
___ Arctic Loon	x			
___ Common Loon	c	u	c	c

Grebes

___ Pied-billed Grebe	r		o	
___ Horned Grebe	c		c	c
___ Red-necked Grebe	c	o	c	c



Northern Parula
Robert Savannah

	Sp	S	F	W
Shearwaters				
___ Greater Shearwater		r	r	
___ Sooty Shearwater	r	r		
___ •Manx Shearwater	r	r		
Storm-Petrels				
___ Wilson's Storm-Petrel		o		
___ •Leach's Storm-Petrel	u	u	u	
Tropicbirds				
___ Red-billed Tropicbird		x		
Gannets				
___ Northern Gannet	o	o	o	



Cormorants				
___ •Double-crested Cormorant	a	a	a	r
___ •Great Cormorant	c	o	c	o

Bitterns, Herons and Egrets				
___ •American Bittern	u	u	u	
___ Least Bittern	r			
___ •Great Blue Heron	c	u	c	o
___ Great Egret			r	
___ Snowy Egret	r	r		
___ Little Blue Heron	r			

___ Tricolored Heron	r	r		
___ Cattle Egret	r			
___ Green Heron	r	r		
___ •Black-crowned Night-Heron	r	r	r	

Ibises				
___ Glossy Ibis	r			

New World Vultures				
___ Turkey Vulture	r		r	

Osprey, Hawks and Eagles				
___ •Osprey	u	u	u	
___ •Bald Eagle	u	u	u	u
___ •Northern Harrier	c	c	c	o
___ •Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	o	a	o
___ Cooper's Hawk	o		o	
___ •Northern Goshawk	u	u	u	u
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	r	r		
___ •Broad-winged Hawk	o	o	u	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	o	o	u	r
___ Rough-legged Hawk	o		o	o
___ Golden Eagle	r			

Falcons				
___ American Kestrel	c		c	
___ •Merlin	o	o	c	
___ Gyrfalcon				r
___ Peregrine Falcon	r	c	c	

Rails				
___ King Rail		r		
___ Virginia Rail	r			
___ Sora		r	r	
___ American Coot			r	

Plovers				
___ Black-bellied Plover	c	c	c	r
___ American Golden-Plover		o	u	
___ Semipalmated Plover	c	a	c	
___ <i>Piping Plover</i>	r	r	r	
___ •Killdeer	u	u	u	

Oystercatchers				
___ •American Oystercatcher	r	r	r	

Sandpipers and Phalaropes

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Greater Yellowlegs	c	c	c	r
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	o	c	c	
___ Solitary Sandpiper		o	o	
• Willet	c	c	r	
• Spotted Sandpiper	u	u	u	
___ Upland Sandpiper	r	r		
___ Whimbrel	o	u	u	
___ Hudsonian Godwit		o	o	
___ Bar-tailed Godwit			x	
___ Marbled Godwit	r			
___ Ruddy Turnstone	c	c	c	
___ Red Knot	u	c	u	
___ Sanderling	o	c	c	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	a	c	
___ Western Sandpiper	r	o	o	
___ Least Sandpiper	u	c	u	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	o	c	c	
___ Baird's Sandpiper		o	o	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	o	u	u	
___ Purple Sandpiper	c		u	c
___ Dunlin	o		c	
___ Curlew Sandpiper		r		
___ Stilt Sandpiper		r	r	
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper		r	r	
___ Ruff		x		
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	u	c	u	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher		r		
___ Common Snipe	o	o	u	
• American Woodcock	u	u	u	
___ Wilson's Phalarope	r	r		
___ Red-necked Phalarope	r	r		
___ Red Phalarope		r		

Jaegers, Gulls and Terns

___ Pomarine Jaeger		r		
___ Parasitic Jaeger	r	o		
• Laughing Gull	c	c	c	
___ Franklin's Gull			r	
___ Little Gull		r	r	
___ Black-headed Gull	r	r	r	r
___ Bonaparte's Gull	o	c	c	o
___ Ring-billed Gull	u	u	c	u

• Herring Gull	a	a	a	a
___ Iceland Gull	u		u	u
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull		r		r
___ Glaucous Gull	r	r	r	r
• Great Black-backed Gull	a	a	a	a
___ Black-legged Kittiwake		o	o	o
___ Gull-billed Tern		x		
___ Caspian Tern	r			
___ Royal Tern		x		
___ Sandwich Tern		x		
• Roseate Tern	u	u		
• Common Tern	c	c	u	
• Arctic Tern	c	c	u	
___ Least Tern		r		
___ Sooty Tern		x		
• Black Tern	o	o		
___ Black Skimmer		x		

Auks and Puffins

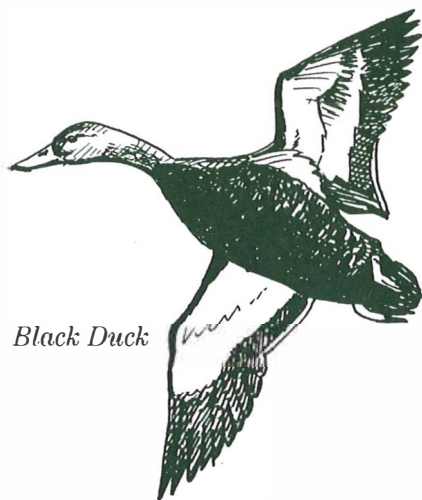
___ Dovekie		r	r	r
___ Common Murre	r	r		
___ Thick-billed Murre				r
• Razorbill	u	u	r	
• Black Guillemot	c	c	c	u
• Atlantic Puffin	u	u	r	

Pigeons and Doves

___ Rock Dove		o	o	
• Mourning Dove	c	c	c	



Common Tern
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Black Duck

Cuckoos

	Sp	S	F	W
___ • Black-billed Cuckoo	o	o	o	
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo			u	

Barn Owls

___ Barn Owl	x			
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Typical Owls

___ • Great Horned Owl	o	o	o	o
___ Snowy Owl	r		r	o
___ Northern Hawk Owl			r	r
___ Barred Owl	r	r	r	
___ Short-eared Owl	r		r	r
___ • Northern Saw-whet Owl	r	r	r	

Nightjars

___ Common Nighthawk	r	u	o	
___ Chuck-will's-widow	x			
___ • Whip-poor-will	u	u	u	

Swifts

___ • Chimney Swift	u	o	o	
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Hummingbirds

___ • Ruby-throated Hummingbird	o	o	o	
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Kingfishers

___ • Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	
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Woodpeckers

___ Red-headed Woodpecker	r		r	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker		x		
___ • Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	r		u	
___ • Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
___ • Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___ Black-backed Woodpecker	r			r
___ • Northern Flicker	c	c	c	
___ • Pileated Woodpecker	o		o	o

Tyrant Flycatchers

___ • Olive-sided Flycatcher	o	o	o	
___ • Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	u	u	
___ • Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	u	o	u	
___ • Alder Flycatcher	c	c	c	
___ • Willow Flycatcher	r			
___ • Least Flycatcher	u	u	u	
___ • Eastern Phoebe	u	u	u	
___ • Great Crested Flycatcher	u	u	u	
___ Couch's Kingbird			x	
___ • Eastern Kingbird	c	u	c	
___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		x	x	
___ Fork-tailed Flycatcher	x			

Shrikes

___ Loggerhead Shrike		r		
___ Northern Shrike	o		o	o

Vireos

___ White-eyed Vireo			r	
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	r		r	
___ • Blue-headed Vireo	u	u	u	
___ • Warbling Vireo	o		o	
___ • Philadelphia Vireo	o	o	u	
___ • Red-eyed Vireo	c	c	c	

Crows, Jays and Magpies

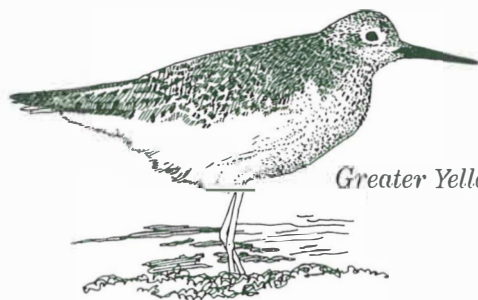
___ • Gray Jay	o	o	o	o
___ • Blue Jay	u	u	u	r
___ Black-billed Magpie	x		x	
___ • American Crow	c	c	c	c
___ • Common Raven	u	u	u	u

	Sp	S	F	W
Larks				
___ Horned Lark _____	r		c	r
Swallows				
___ Purple Martin _____	o			
___ • Tree Swallow _____	c	c	r	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow _____	o		r	
___ • Bank Swallow _____	u	u	r	
___ • Cliff Swallow _____	c	u	o	
___ • Barn Swallow _____	c	c	u	
Chickadees				
___ • Black-capped Chickadee _____	c	c	c	c
___ • Boreal Chickadee _____	o	o	o	o
Nuthatches				
___ • Red-breasted Nuthatch _____	c	c	c	c
___ • White-breasted Nuthatch _____	r		r	
Creepers				
___ • Brown Creeper _____	u	o	u	o
Wrens				
___ Carolina Wren _____		r		
___ House Wren _____	r		r	
___ • Winter Wren _____	c		u	
___ Marsh Wren _____		r		
Kinglets				
___ • Golden-crowned Kinglet _____	c	c	c	o
___ • Ruby-crowned Kinglet _____	c	u	c	
Old World Warblers				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher _____	o	o	o	
Thrushes				
___ Northern Wheatear _____			x	
___ • Eastern Bluebird _____	o	o	o	
___ Townsend's Solitaire _____			x	
___ Veery _____	u	o	o	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush _____		r	r	
___ • Bicknell's Thrush _____	r	r		
___ • Swainson's Thrush _____	c		u	
___ • Hermit Thrush _____	c	c	c	
___ • Wood Thrush _____	o		o	

	sp	S	F	W
___ • American Robin _____	c	c	a	u
Mimic Thrushes				
___ • Gray Catbird _____	c	c	c	
___ • Northern Mockingbird _____	o	o	o	
___ • Brown Thrasher _____	o	o	o	
Starlings				
___ • European Starling _____	u	u	u	u
Pipits				
___ American Pipit _____	r	r	u	
Waxwings				
___ Bohemian Waxwing _____			r	
___ • Cedar Waxwing _____	c	c	c	r
Wood Warblers				
___ • Blue-winged Warbler _____	r	r	r	
___ • Tennessee Warbler _____	u	o	u	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler _____	o		o	
___ • Nashville Warbler _____	c	c	c	
___ • Northern Parula _____	c	c	c	
___ • Yellow Warbler _____	c	c	c	
___ • Chestnut-sided Warbler _____	u	u	u	
___ • Magnolia Warbler _____	c	c	c	
___ • Cape May Warbler _____	r	c	c	
___ • Black-throated Blue Warbler _____	u	o	u	
___ • Yellow-rumped Warbler _____	c	c	c	r
___ • Black-throated Green Warbler _____	c	c	c	
___ • Blackburnian Warbler _____	c	c	u	
___ Yellow-throated Warbler _____		x		
___ Pine Warbler _____		o	o	
___ Prairie Warbler _____	r	o	o	

Short-billed Dowitcher





Greater Yellowlegs

	Sp	S	F	W
• Palm Warbler _____	c	u	c	
• Bay-breasted Warbler _____	o	c	c	
• Blackpoll Warbler _____	c	o	u	
• Black-and-white Warbler _____	c	c	c	
• American Redstart _____	c	c	c	
Prothonotory Warbler _____		x		
Worm-eating Warbler _____	x			
• Ovenbird _____	c		u	
• Northern Waterthrush _____	o	o	r	
Kentucky Warbler _____	r	r		
• Mourning Warbler _____	r	r		
• Common Yellowthroat _____	c	c	c	
Hooded Warbler _____		r		
• Wilson's Warbler _____	u	u	u	
• Canada Warbler _____	u	o	o	
• Yellow-breasted Chat _____	r		o	
Tanagers				
Summer Tanager _____	r	r		
Scarlet Tanager _____	u	u	u	
Western Tanager _____			x	
Sparrows and Towhees				
• Eastern Towhee _____	u	u	u	
American Tree Sparrow _____	u		u	u
• Chipping Sparrow _____	u	u	u	
Clay-colored Sparrow _____		r	r	
Field Sparrow _____	o		o	
Vesper Sparrow _____	o	r	o	
Lark Sparrow _____		r	r	
• Savannah Sparrow _____	c	c	c	
Grasshopper Sparrow _____			r	
Henslow's Sparrow _____		x		

	Sp	S	F	W
• Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow _____			u	
• Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow _____	r	o	u	
Seaside Sparrow _____		r	r	
Fox Sparrow _____	o		o	
• Song Sparrow _____	c	c	c	r
• Lincoln's Sparrow _____	u	u	u	
• Swamp Sparrow _____	c	c	c	
• White-throated Sparrow _____	c	c	c	
• White-crowned Sparrow _____	o		o	
• Dark-eyed Junco _____	c	u	c	r
Lapland Longspur _____		r	o	
Snow Bunting _____			c	o

Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies

Northern Cardinal _____	o		o	
• Rose-breasted Grosbeak _____	u	u	u	
Blue Grosbeak _____	r			
Indigo Bunting _____	r	r	r	
Dickcissel _____			r	r

Blackbirds and Orioles

• Bobolink _____	u	u	u	
• Red-winged Blackbird _____	c	c	u	
• Eastern Meadowlark _____	o		o	
Western Meadowlark _____		x		
Yellow-headed Blackbird _____			r	
Rusty Blackbird _____	o		o	
Brewer's Blackbird _____		r		
• Common Grackle _____	c	c	u	
• Brown-headed Cowbird _____	u	u	u	
Orchard Oriole _____	r			
• Baltimore Oriole _____	u	o	u	

Finches

Pine Grosbeak _____	o		o	u
• Purple Finch _____	u	u	u	
House Finch _____	r			
Red Crossbill _____	o	o	o	o
• White-winged Crossbill _____	u	u	u	u
Common Redpoll _____	u		o	c
Hoary Redpoll _____				r
• Pine Siskin _____	u	u	u	u
• American Goldfinch _____	c	u	u	u
Evening Grosbeak _____	u		u	